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SUBJECT: POLISH AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON HARTMAN

1. POLISH AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN DECEMBER 17. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID HE HAD ASKED TO COME IN TO ASSURE US THAT RECENT PERSONNEL CHANGES IN POLAND MEANT "ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGE IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS" AND MOST ESPECIALLY NOT IN POLAND'S RELATIONS WITH U.S. ON CONTRARY, HE SAID, POLAND WANTED TO BE EVEN MORE ACTIVE IN TRADE WITH U.S. IN FUTURE.

2. PERSONNEL CHANGES: TRAMPCZYNSKI COMMENTED THAT OLSZOWSKI SHIFT TO PARTY WAS VERY IMPORTANT: SINCE HE WILL HAVE ECONOMIC PORTFOLIO, OLSZOWSKI IS GOING TO BE ONE OF MEN CLOSEST TO GIEREK. OLSZOWSKI DESCRIBED AS YOUNG AND CAPABLE -- GOOD CHOICE FOR VERY HARD JOB.

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TRAMPCZYNSKI REFERRED BRIEFLY TO WOJTASZEK AS ANOTHER YOUNG MAN, "IMMIGRANT TO POLAND" FROM GROUP OF MINERS IN FRANCE WHO HAD STRONG TIES TO GIEREK. ALSO CLOSE TO

FRELEK AFTER WORKING FOR HIM AND HAD BEEN "SUCCESSFUL" AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

3. VISITS: TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID GOP HOPES TO SEND EXPERTS TO U.S. TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY COUNTERVAILING DUTIES; VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE WOULD "POSSIBLY" COME TO WASHINGTON LATE JANUARY. POLISH PRESIDENT OF POLISH-U.S. ECONOMIC COUNCIL DR. WISNIEWSKI WILL COME TO U.S. FOR MEETING WITH AMERICAN PRESIDENT, BROOKS MCCORMICK (NO DATE MENTIONED BUT PRIOR TO NEXT JOINT MEETING, SCHEDULED IN SPRING IN WARSAW). TRAMPCZYNSKI STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF VISIT HERE BY SPASOWSKI, WHO HE SAID WANTS TO COME IN MARCH. HARTMAN SAID WE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO EXTEND INVITATION TO SPASOWSKI SOON AFTER JANUARY 20.

4. CSCE: HARTMAN NOTED SPASOWSKI VISIT COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR INTENSIVE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND PREPARATION FOR BELGRADE. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID SPASOWSKI WILL BE FULLY PREPARED WHEN HE COMES HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT ALL THREE BASKETS. HARTMAN OBSERVED THAT POLES HAD NOW HAD CHANCE TO READ PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND CSCE COMMISSION REPORT: WE HOPED THE REPORTS WERE BEING SENT BACK TO WARSAW, SINCE THEY SHOWED VERY CLEARLY HOW REASONABLE USG POLICIES AND PRACTICES WERE IN MATTER OF DETERMINING WHAT WAS BEING DONE IN CSCE FOLLOW-UP. GOP SHOULD REALIZE THAT PUBLICITY ABOUT CSCE HAS ITS GOOD ASPECTS -- MAKING WIDELY KNOWN ALL THAT IS BEING DONE TO CARRY OUT TERMS OF HELSINKI AGREEMENT.

5. DIVIDED FAMILIES: HARTMAN PRESSED TRAMPCZYNSKI FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS READING OF DIVIDED-FAMILY PROBLEM FOLLOWING HIS RECENT TRIP TO WARSAW. HARTMAN SAID THAT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE GOP'S AGREEMENT WITH FRG INVOLVING DEPARTURE FROM POLAND OF LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND WHY THERE HAS NOT BEEN MORE POSITIVE ACTION ON OUR REQUESTS FOR POLES TO BE PERMITTED TO JOIN FAMILY MEMBERS IN U.S. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE US STATISTICS ON PASSPORT ISSUANCES IN THIS CATEGORY BUT HAD ALREADY ASKED FOR SUCH FIGURES. HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM IN WARSAW WITH AMBASSADOR DAVIES. THERE WAS NO EASY ANSWER, TRAMPCZYNSKI CONTINUED, BUT HE INSISTED THAT PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN THIS AREA. HE SAID HE HOPED TO HAVE INFORMATION TO GIVE US SOON ON THIS PROGRESS. HARTMAN SAID SOME IMPROVEMENT BY POLES IN REUNITING FAMILY MEMBERS WITH FAMILIES IN U.S. WOULD BE IMPORTANT

IN CSCE IMPLEMENTATION CONTEXT AND URGED TRAMPCZYNSKI TO GET HIS GOVERNMENT TO MOVE QUICKLY AT LEAST ON THOSE CASES WHICH GOP CAN AGREE FALL INTO DIVIDED-FAMILY CATEGORY.

6. SOVIET-POLISH RELATIONS: HARTMAN ASKED WHETHER AGREEMENT REACHED ON NEW SOVIET ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WOULD AFFECT POLAND'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH WEST. TRAMPCZYNSKI SAW "ABSOLUTELY NO EFFECT." POLAND WOULD BE GETTING PERHAPS FOUR MILLION TONS OF GRAIN FROM U.S. (CCC CREDITS AND COMMERCIAL) AND ONLY ONE MILLION TONS FROM SOVIETS. TRAMPCZYNSKI REPEATED FORMULATION GIVEN EARLIER TO ARMITAGE ON SOVIETS' BILLION-RUBLE "LOAN": REALLY INVOLVED NEW SYSTEM OF CASH PAYMENT FOR CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FORMERLY PAID FOR IN GOODS ONLY AFTER EQUIPMENT INSTALLED WAS PRODUCING. TRAMPCZYNSKI ADMITTED SOME PURCHASES OF WESTERN EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN STOPPED, BUT TOTAL INVESTMENT FIGURE THIS YEAR WOULD BE PRACTICALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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SAME AS LAST YEAR. GENERAL MOTORS HAD NO COMPETITOR FOR LIGHT VAN PROJECT -- DESPITE RUMOR OF POSSIBLE FRENCH CONTRACT -- AND PROJECT WAS SIMPLY BEING DELAYED FOR A TIME BECAUSE OF PROBLEM OF OBTAINING "BOTH DOLLARS AND ZLOTYS." HARTMAN ASKED WHAT POLITICAL PRICE POLES HAD PAID FOR SOVIET PACKAGE AND REFERRED TO LANGUAGE IN BREZHNEV-GIEREK DECLARATION ON "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" AND "SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM." TRAMPCZYNSKI DID NOT ANSWER; HE MERELY COMMENTED THIS USE OF TERM "SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM" WAS A NEW THING.

7. ELECTRIC GOLF CARS: TRAMPCZYNSKI DESCRIBED U.S. ANTIDUMPING PROVISIONS AFFECTING POLAND'S EXPORTS OF GOLF CARS AS "ONLY PROBLEM" IN US-POLISH RELATIONS. HE SAID POLES HAD RAISED PRICES OF THEIR GOLF CARS ABOUT 100 HIGHER THAN BEFORE AND WERE STILL HAVING DIFFICULTIES -- NOT SO MUCH WITH TREASURY AS WITH CUSTOMS. THE MATTER HAD BECOME "PAINFUL" FOR POLES. TRAMPCZYNSKI ASKED FOR WHATEVER ADDITIONAL ATTENTION USG COULD GIVE TO PROBLEM.

8. FYI. REGARDING REPORTS MENTIONED IN PARA 4, TWO COPIES OF PRESIDENT'S CSCE REPORT HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO WARSAW UNDER COVER OF AIRGRAM. COPY OF CSCE COMMISSION'S REPORT ALSO BEING POUCHED FOR INFORMATION OF EMBASSY. KISSINGER

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